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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of MIZUNO, Hiroki, TOKURA, Shigeo, TONOOKA, Katsuhisa,  
SHIBAZAKI, Hiroshi  
BALL/ROLLER BEARING CLEANING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
THEREOF  
Assignee: NSK LTD.  
Our Ref: Q79225

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/708,653 (Confirmation No. 2215) filed November 9, 2000 of MIZUNO, Hiroki, TOKURA, Shigeo, TONOOKA, Katsuhisa, SHIBAZAKI, Hiroshi entitled BALL/ROLLER BEARING CLEANING METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREOF.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 12 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1746.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/708,653 filed November 9, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 11-318443	November 9, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/708,653.

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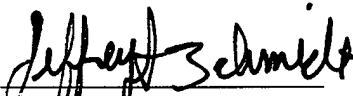
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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